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SUBJECT: SOVIET DEMARCHE ON FRG-BRAZIL DEAL

1. ALEXANDER BESSMERTNYKH, MINISTER-COUNSELLOR OF THE SOVIET EMBASSY CALLED ON ACDA ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR NON-PROLIFERATION AND ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DAVIES, MARCH 8 AT SOVIET REQUEST TO DISCUSS NON-PROLIFERATION. SOLE TOPIC RAISED BY BESSMERTNYKH WAS FRG-BRAZIL DEAL. HE INDICATED THAT SOVIET GOVERNMENT WAS GREATLY CONCERNED OVER IMPLICATIONS OF THE DEAL FOR NON-PROLIFERATION POLICY, BOTH WITH RESPECT TO SITUATION IN BRAZIL, AND BECAUSE OF PRECEDENT IT CREATED. IN LIGHT OF THE US ACTIONS IN THIS CASE, WITH

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BRAZIL AND THE FRG AND THE NON-PROLIFERATION CONSULTATIONS WHICH HAVE TAKEN PLACE BETWEEN US AND SOVIET REPRESENTATIVES FROM TIME TO TIME, HE HAD BEEN REQUESTED BY HIS GOVERNMENT TO TRANSMIT THE TEXT OF A NOTE WHICH HAD BEEN DELIVERED OVER THE WEEKEND TO THE FRG IN BONN.

2. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF SOVIET NOTE AS PASSED TO US:

QUOTE: THE SOVIET UNION ATTACHES A PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE TO THE TASK OF PREVENTING DISSEMINATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND OF TAKING TOGETHER WITH OTHER COUNTRIES EFFECTIVE MEASURES WHICH PUT OBSTACLE TO THE SPREAD OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS ON OUR PLANET. AT THE SAME TIME AN ACCOUNT IS TAKEN OF THE NECESSITY TO CONSOLIDATE INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY AND TO LESSEN A THREAT OF NUCLEAR WAR.

IN THE SOVIET UNION THE ATTENTION WAS PAID TO RECENT STATEMENTS BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FRG GOVERNMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE AGREEMENT ON COOPERATION BETWEEN THE FRG AND BRAZIL IN NUCLEAR FIELD, WHICH CONFIRM THE INTENTION OF THE FRG TO DELIVER TO BRAZIL THE PLANTS FOR URANIUM ENRICHMENT AND NUCLEAR FUEL REPROCESSING. THE PERSPECTIVE OF CREATING SUCH PLANTS IN BRAZIL AND OF TRANSFERRING TO IT THE APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY CAUSES UNDERSTANDABLE CONCERN. THE QUESTION IS ABOUT THE TECHNOLOGY WHICH MAY BE USED FOR THE CREATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND THIS MEANS THAT THE QUESTION OF DELIVERIES OF NUCLEAR EQUIPMENT FROM THE FRG TO BRAZIL GOES FAR BEYOND THE FRAMEWORK OF THEIR BILATERAL RELATIONS AND ASSUMES INTERNATIONAL IMPORTANCE.

THE FRG WHICH IS A PARTY TO THE TREATY ON THE NON-PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS PLANS TO TRANSFER NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY TO THE COUNTRY THAT HAS BEEN UP TILL NOW AVOIDING TO JOIN THAT TREATY AND THUS PUT ALL ITS NUCLEAR ACTIVITIES UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE INTERNATIONAL

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ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY. MOREOVER, THE GOVERNMENT OF BRAZIL REPEATEDLY STATED ITS INTENTION TO CREATE ITS OWN NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE DEVICES FOR "PEACEFUL" PURPOSES, WHICH AS IS KNOWN DO NOT DIFFER FROM NUCLEAR WEAPON DEVICES. ALL THIS CANNOT BE LEFT WITHOUT ATTENTION, SINCE IN SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES THE CARRYING OUT OF THE PLANNED DELIVERIES OF NUCLEAR EQUIPMENT FROM THE FRG TO BRAZIL WOULD SERIOUSLY COMPLICATE THE SOLUTION OF THE TASK OF THE NON-PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

THE PARTIES TO THE TREATY ON THE NON-PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, INCLUDING THE FRG, TOOK THE RESPONSIBILITY NOT TO ALLOW THE CREATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS OR NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE DEVICES IN ANY NON-NUCLEAR COUNTRY. IT IS NATURAL TO EXPECT, THAT THE FRG WOULD CONFORM ITS PRACTICAL ACTIONS TO THE INTERESTS OF STRICT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GOALS OF THAT TREATY. THE SOVIET SIDE

EXPRESSES THE HOPE THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FRG WILL

REGARD IN ALL SERIOUSNESS THE CONSIDERATIONS SET FORTH AND WILL WEIGH ONCE AGAIN THOSE DANGEROUS CONSEQUENCES WHICH COULD BE BROUGHT ABOUT BY THE DELIVERIES TO BRAZIL OF THE PLANTS FOR URANIUM ENRICHMENT AND NUCLEAR FUEL REPROCESSING. END QUOTE.

3. DAVIES PROMISED TO PASS THE TEXT OF THE SOVIET NOTE TO CONCERNED US PERSONNEL IN THE DEPARTMENT, AND INQUIRED WHETHER THERE HAD BEEN ANY RESPONSE. BESSMERTNYKH SAID ONE WAS EXPECTED SHORTLY, AND THAT WE WOULD BE PROVIDED A COPY HERE ONCE IT WAS AVAILABLE.

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